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Canton (our own correspondent) -- To facilitate military transportation the construction of railway and highway communications in Kwangtung by corvee labor is actively under way. Even provincial and hsien roads sooner or later are restored to usable condition.

Since with the start of the rainy season the road surfaces and bridges are subject to damage, a policy has been adopted whereby the people of a rural district are responsible on a continuing basis for patrolling and maintaining the roads in their district. However, due to apprehension over a possible attack, it has been decided not to enforce this policy with respect to the roads in the areas along the coast.

Since the trunk highway from Canton through southern Kwangtung has international connections, the doubling of the width of this highway has been ordered. This order to double the width also applies to the trunk highway through Hui-yang, Tzu-chiu, and Wu-hua. The highway from Hui-yang to Swatow is being maintained in its present condition.

Along the route of the second trunk highway, from Canton through Tseng-ch'eng, Po-lo, Ho-yuan, Lung-ch'uen, Wu-hua, and Hsing-ning to Mei-hsien, it is intended to lay, in 1953, a light railway track to be known as the Kwang-Mei light railway.

Although the highways in Kwangtung have been restored, there is lack of motor vehicles and gasoline, and for the most part it is not possible to schedule regular bus trips except for those operated by the government-owned Southern Kwangtung Motor Transportation Company. Other carriers use charcoal gas, and they are unable to maintain regular arrival and departure times.

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